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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PING PONG DIPLOMACY

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1. ALTHOUGH REPORTS OF U.S. TABLE TENNIS TEAM'S PLANS TO VISIT PYONGYANG HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED ONLY MODEST COVERAGE IN TOKYO PRESS, THEY DID EXCITE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN MOFA NE ASIA DIVISION. WE HAVE SHARED BACKGROUND ON PROPOSED VISIT CONTAINED REFTELS WITH MOFA, WHICH WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF INFORMATION AND CONFIRMATION THAT VISIT WAS NOT AT INITIATIVE OF USG.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN JAPANESE MEMORIES OF HOW 1971 CHINA SHOCK WAS SET IN MOTION BY EARLIER PING PONG DIPLOMACY, TIMELY INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS WAS ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN DISPELLING ANY UNHELPFUL SPECULATION. IN VIEW OF STRONG JAPANESE INTEREST IN SUBJECT, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE READOUT ON ANY KOREA-RELATED ASPECTS OF CEAUCESCU VISIT THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH GOJ.
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